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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS

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May 7, 2009
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

Ernie L. Feltman

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

HEATHER M. KEITH

CONSENT ORDER

ENGAGING IN THE UNLICENSED
PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING IN THE STATE
OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Keith's application for licensure as an Associate Counselor. Ms. Keith disclosed in her application that she had been working as an "in-home therapist" in a for-profit setting, ASun Star Consulting, Inc., Orange, New Jersey from September 2006 through September 2007.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional

counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 7TH DAY OF May, 2009
ORDERED:

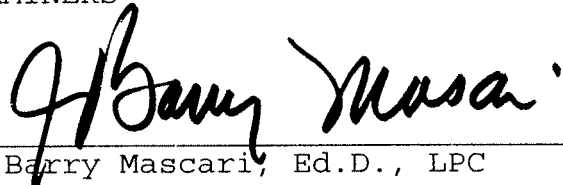
1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in professional counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.

2. None of the supervised hours performed by Ms. Keith in any for-profit setting shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

3. Ms. Keith shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within order.

4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC
President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.


Heather M. Keith

Consent as to form:


Debra M. Marcus, Esq.
Attorney for Heather M. Keith